

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1-11 and 16-20 have been amended. Claims 1-11, 16-22 and 27 are pending and under consideration.

Independent claim 1 recites a first computer fixedly connected to said network circuit. In contrast, it is respectfully submitted that Blair does not teach or suggest this feature. Independent claims 2, 3, 5, 7 and 16 are similarly patentable over Blair.

Independent claim 4 recites said computer comprises resource information managing means for managing plural sets of information relating to hardware or software, including a place of installation in the real world for each of the hardware or software, which are usable through said network circuit corresponding to said connecting means, position selecting means for selecting one of the information relating to plural sets of hardware or software managed by said resource information managing means, and resource setting means for setting the hardware or software according to the information relating to the hardware or software corresponding to the position selected by said position selecting means, and when said computer is connected to said network circuit through any one of said plural connecting means, said resource setting means obtains the hardware information or software information corresponding to the position selected by said position selecting means from said resource information managing means, and directly sets the hardware or software. In contrast, the Examiner relies upon multiple elements (printer 104 and computer 105) of Blair, as neither of these elements 104, 105 alone performs the functions of the claimed computer. Independent claims 6 and 8 are similarly are patentable over the cited reference.

Independent claim 9 recites plural connecting means capable of connecting and disconnecting a computer is provided in a network circuit to which a computer is connected to one of said connecting means. In contrast, Blair teaches a single connecting means for each of the printer 104 and computers 101 and 105.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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